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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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61-7398

Laboratory Report

August 16, 1937

Case

Unknown Subjects;
Doctor E. T. Wirtschafter,
Albert Phillips - Victims;
Extortion.

Number 3-9-2243-20

Specimens:

22. Two sheets of paper containing sample typing from Underwood
Standard typewriter #661828-14.

Examination requested by:

Indianapolis

Date received:

8-9-37

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

It has been concluded that the Underwood typewriter #661828-14 was used to write the letters to Mr. Phillips and Doctor Wirtschafter submitted by the Cleveland field division in connection with the case, Black Legion; Night Riders; Bullet Club; Miscellaneous; Confidential, under cover letter dated November 27, 1936, Bureau file #61-7398. These specimens bear the serial #145 Q1 through Q4.

The extortion letters to Mr. Phillips and Doctor Wirtschafter submitted by the Cleveland field division in connection with the case of Unknown Subjects; Doctor E. T. Wirtschafter, Albert Phillips - Victims; Extortion, transmitted under cover letter dated June 3, 1937 were not written with this typewriter.

It is noted that in all of the letters in question the writer used the small letter "i" instead of "l" for the figure "1".

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Mr. Nathan _____
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Mr. Baughman _____
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Mr. Coffey _____
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Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Joseph _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Quinn _____
Mr. Schilder _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

WAC:CJ

Time - 11:45 A. M.
(8/13/37)

Date August 14, 1937.

*Main subject
65-54424*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] Minnesota, were referred to my office and neither could speak the English language very well.

I gathered from their conversation that Eli Babich, [redacted] had been killed on October 24, 1925, in the Guthrie Mines near Duluth, Minnesota and that they were both of the opinion he had been murdered by members of the "Black Legion" and that subsequent to 1924 one Amil Babich, who is not a relative of [redacted] had assumed the name of Eli Babich, who had been killed, and was presently a leader in the "Black Legion".

Both of these persons advised that they had never been threatened by members of the "Black Legion" in any manner but that they were afraid they would be threatened or even killed by these persons at some future date because of the fact that they had information the "Black Legion" had murdered Eli Babich.

I informed Mrs. [redacted] of the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and explained to her that the crime of murder was one within the jurisdiction of each individual state and that any information she had relative to a murder case should be given to the appropriate local authorities.

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After learning that the Federal Government did not have jurisdiction over murder cases, Mrs. [redacted] advised that the "Black Legion" was planning on murdering President Roosevelt when he visited Minnesota in 1938 and that this Legion had sent a girl, whose last name is Madunich and who is a sister of a girl whose first name is Margaret and who works for the International Institute, Duluth, Minnesota, to Washington for the purpose of ascertaining inside information concerning the Government of the United States and to ascertain if President Roosevelt

W. Q. Collins
Signature

TAMM
EWO:wo

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Memo for Mr. Tamm.

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was actually planning on visiting Minnesota during 1938.

I have prepared a letter to the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department, informing that Division of the information Mrs. [REDACTED] submitted relative to threats on the life of the President.

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66-7398-161

August 19, 1937.

Mr. Frank J. Wilson, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your information and any attention which you deem appropriate, I wish to advise that on August 13, 1937, Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Smith, Minnesota, called at this Bureau and advised that the "Black Legion" of Duluth, Minnesota, which is headed by one Emil Babich, is planning on murdering President Roosevelt upon his visit to Minnesota during the year 1938.

They also advised that a young girl whose last name is Madunich and who is a sister of a girl whose first name is Margaret and who is employed by the International Institute, Duluth, Minnesota, had been sent to Washington, D. C. by the "Black Legion" to ascertain the inside workings of the United States Government and to determine if President Roosevelt is planning on making a trip to Minnesota during the year 1938.

Neither of these persons had any definite information to offer as to where they had obtained the foregoing, although it was learned that Eli Babich, [REDACTED] had been killed in 1925 and that these persons believed he had been murdered by the "Black Legion".

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.





OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 20, 1937.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter of August 18, transmitting for appropriate attention information given your Bureau, August 13, by Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Duluth, Minnesota, to the effect that the "Black Legion" of Duluth, headed by one Amin Babich, is planning to murder the President upon his visit to Minnesota during the year 1938, and that they have sent a young girl named Madunich to this city to obtain information in furtherance of their scheme.

Very truly yours,

Gemmuth
Acting Chief, Secret Service

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1800 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida, FL
August 28, 1937.

Herbert S. Phillips,
United States Attorney,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant,
enclosing a Black Legion warning which was turned over
to you by Mrs. Mary Hemo, 105 East Constant Street,
Tampa, Florida, which she found in her mail box at
her residence.

The matter does not appear to be one for investi-
gation by this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

RLS:EEJ

CC Bureau ✓

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October 6, 1937

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61-7398-163

Mr. [REDACTED]

Duluth, Minnesota.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I have received your undated letter transmitting a letter dated September 20, 1937, together with photographs, which you asked me to forward to Special Agent S. A. Collier of this Bureau.

As this letter has been referred to me for acknowledgment, I wish to inform that as you were previously advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted by Congressional enactment to the investigation of cases in which there is an indication of a violation of specified Federal laws and as the complaint of your mother is not a matter within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau no action can be taken concerning the same.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
M. A. C. L. S. C. PAUL

OCT 6 - 1937

P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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East

W

Julius Quinn
Sept. 20 1937

Dear Sir; -

I am [redacted] who
was in your office with [redacted]
[redacted] on Aug. 13. We were very
glad that you remembered us and
sent that agent to our house. As
you told us we went to our District
Attorney but I think he cannot
help us. In the 16 years [redacted]
[redacted] was in this country she never
(ment). met a person, whom she
could talk to and have them
understand her case. [redacted] did. [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

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[redacted] heard Emil Babich's
cousin Joe Babich say he wanted
[redacted]

felt bad because if he had all that on his shoulders he'd go anyplace for help. Sheriffs and Police in Minnesota get all men they're after when the men are dead but the dead men are not the ones they're just being blamed for things the Black Legion members did - dead men don't see or talk. When my father was killed I didn't know ~~what~~ wether he was dead or just sleeping in the coffin, now I know what happened. My mother believes in God but not in priests because priests are members of the Black Legion and they make false death certificates before a man dies. Every morning and night my mother prays that there be a time when I can open a door to clean my fathers name. The negro slave ring caught recently in Duluth was connected with Emil Legion. My mother heard Emils cousin say it was and that it would be caught about this time, because

the negroes would do as the
legion wanted. The negroes wanted
to be dressed up and have nice
cars but the legion wants to tip
the country over. Negroes didn't
know what was to happen ahead
for 15 years as did Emile legion.

[REDACTED]
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Potkalinge, Bosnia Krupa
Yugoslavia

His fathers name, Zija Babich
and mothers Mara Babich maiden
name, Mara Milanovich. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
went and put Emile father & mother
name instead of [REDACTED]
The reason they want to kill my
step-father is because they killed his
brother Sam to hide Brivo Stanic

born in Sanski Most
Bosnia, Yugoslavia

10 father - Blaz Stojanovich and
mother Mitra Stojanovich maiden
name Mitra Sijak.

Trivo Stanic is hiding in Dublin
and is waiting [redacted]

[redacted] name [redacted]
[redacted] killed in
1919 and in 1922 Trivo Stanic with
several members drew money belonging
to Sam from a bank. [redacted] says
that Emil's cousin Joe was in one of
the offices in the Federal Bureau of
Investigation Bldg. and saw Emil's
picture and said - Yes that's the one
and he's killed know but Emil is
alive and Joe meant [redacted]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Emil is
carrying another mans name too he is
Mihajla Babic
Prkosel, Bosnia, Petrovar,
Yugoslavia.

They killed Mihajla in
1926 when Yugoslavia wouldn't accept
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Joe Babich made the
order that Mihajla should be killed at
Carson Lake, Minnesota in 1926. Joe
Babich fooled Yugoslavia one way
and the United States the other way.
When Joe Babich was at one of your
offices he wrote his name different he
used the name Mije Surda but
that man is in Yugoslavia and
doesn't know a thing about it. When
Joe was at one of the offices of he was
crying - he was able to cry because
[REDACTED]

for just thought of the things he
did. And he had to go to one
of the offices because the Legion sent
him. When he came back to Minnesota
he said he could buy an American
for a stick of gum. He received
all the money from the lodges insurance
which the men the legion killed had. Joe
went from town to town in Yugoslavia
and found out the names of the
mothers and fathers the dead men
had and the United States will
send the ~~insurance~~ money money
from the banks the men had thru
the consul to which Joe sent the
names of mothers and fathers of the
men the legion killed. although Joe says
they died so he can get the money now I
don't think he got it yet. When the
United States sends the money watch for
the Babich and you may catch him.
[redacted] says that men that you've
looked for and after heard that they're dead
are alive and they've got citizenship papers

registered at the United States Postoffice. This
including only Serbian and Croatians that
is just the ones my mother knew. I'm not
sure if it goes to the Postoffice but I think it
goes there. [redacted] heard Joe Babich
laughing and saying to the other men that
they live in the Postoffice place they've got
their citizen papers and send to the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] says
that nothing would make this country
more safe than by having everyone's finger print
taken. Take a look if Emil Babich has
his citizenship papers under [redacted]
name and [redacted]
says to take the signature of Joe Babich
put down where he said that Emil was
dead and compare the writing with his in
Yugoslavia. Joe went under another
name so I just find the one who talked
about Emil. I'm sending some of [redacted]
pictures and a picture of a bad priest

Sincerely [redacted]
[redacted]

When you send us the answer
and your correct address we'll
send some larger pictures:-

Medari, Dragalić ^{Slavonia} Jugoslavia.

~~the~~ was the only son in the family. He has
two sisters both married. Saka Orlyaca and

Yoka Stulic. Both living in same place.
[redacted] was born. There a Stevo Babic
[redacted] living in the same town in which
[redacted] was born, his no relative
and his a member of the legion. He
went when Joe fixed things up.









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March 21, 1938

61-7398-164

Mr. Robert F. Anderson,
810 College Street,
Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In Mr. Hoover's absence from the city I want to acknowledge your letter of March 16, 1938, in which you request information on the "Black Legion" for use in the preparation of your work in sociology.

It is indeed regretted that this Bureau does not have available any data on this topic; however, it is suggested that the Superintendent of the Detroit Police Department might be able to furnish you with the information you desire.

I am enclosing several booklets of this Bureau dealing with the activities of our Special Agents which I thought might be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Coughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Lester
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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FCR, Vol. 5, No. 4
Part of Youth in Law Enforce.
Public Duty in Law Enforce.

MAR 21 1938

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



BELOIT
COLLEGE

March 11, 1938

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am a major in Sociology at Beloit College and have elected to write a life history of some criminal case from the sociological point of view. The subject of which I would like some information is the "BLACK LEGION". I live in Detroit and know Judge Scallon so probably will be able to get a few interesting sidelights on the case, but am not able to get first hand information on this subject. Any and all information you can give will be very much appreciated. Thanking you for anything you can do for me on this subject, I am,

Sincerely yours

Robert F. Anderson

810 College St.

Beloit, Wisconsin

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover,

I want you to please

write to me if you

will answer this

question.

Is there a law against

People being Members of

what they call the

Black Legion?

Do you men work in such

cc: Clegg
6/15/38
J. Edgar Hoover

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Cases.

I am Building a Jew Mission
Church here. in Cool Camps
Am a Missimay.

Tragedy has Come to my
oldest Brother. and I do
desire your answer.

Thanking you.

Miss Selma X Stoudenmire

Dillonvale Okla
June 11th 1938 P.O Box 734

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61-7398-165

6-15, 1938

Miss Delma Stoudenmire
Post Office Box 734
Billionvale, Ohio

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Dear Miss Stoudenmire:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated June 11, 1938.

I regret to advise you that it is not within the province of this Bureau to furnish advice on legal matters, in consequence of which it will be impossible for me to advise you concerning the inquiry contained in your letter.

This will inform you, however, that this Bureau is undertaking no investigation with reference to the Black Legion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Cincinnati

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August 12, 1938

Mr. Harold Seltzer
1 Castle Avenue
Spring Valley, New York

52768

Dear Mr. Seltzer:

With reference to your letter of August 9, 1938, I regret to advise you that all matters contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are of a confidential nature, for which reason it will be impossible for me to furnish advice with regard to the question contained in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - New York City

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Quinn _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Gandy _____

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P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1 Castle Ave

Spring Valley, N.Y.

52769 August 9, 1938

The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please inform me if there is such an organization as THE BLACK LEGION, and if so, is it in United States.

Yours truly

Handwritten signature

W. H. R. L.

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August 26, 1938

Mr. Joseph Todd
949 Hopkins Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Todd:

From the information contained in your letter of August 18, 1938, and the enclosure attached thereto, I am unable to observe that there is any violation of a Federal Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

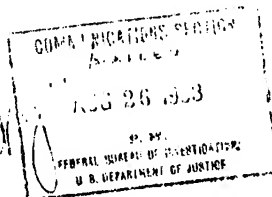
For this reason it will be impossible for me to authorize any investigation in the premises.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Cincinnati

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Dewey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, you will find
a clipping from a local news-
paper concerning a band of
terrorists known as the "Night
Riders of Ohio."

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We believe that the actions
displayed by this group are
contrary to the fundamental
principles of the Constitution
of the United States.

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We, as citizens of the
United States, feel that we are
entitled to the protection of the
Federal Government against
anarchism and terrorism; and
we sincerely hope that you
will give this organization a
thorough investigation.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Todd
940 Hopkins St
Cincinnati, Ohio



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Cross Is Burned at Sharonville

Negroes Warned to Stay Out
of Sharon Woods.

A sign reading: "Negroes, beware! Stay in your place. Keep out of Sharon Woods. Danger ahead," and signed by the "Night Riders of Ohio, 800 strong," was found at the base of an 18-foot fiery cross by Deputy Sheriff Edwin Nolting on Wycarver Road, south of Sharonville, Friday night.

Replicas of rifles were found around the bottom of the cross. Sharonville firemen extinguished the blaze after it had been viewed by occupants of several hundred automobiles.

The office of Sheriff George A. Lutz is investigating the burning of the cross.

A. M. Husted, head of the park police, said that every effort would be made to prevent any outbreak of violence within the park area.

Husted said that Negro card sharps recently had fleeced picnickers, using a marked deck. They were arrested.

The burning of the cross attracted the attention of hundreds of persons in Sharonville, and those riding in automobiles.

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September 28, 1938

Mr. William E. Kinsella
c/o Mr. William Taylor
Hillsdale, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kinsella:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated September 23, 1938, together with the enclosures attached thereto, I must advise you that the matters to which you refer do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. For this reason it will be impossible for the Bureau to undertake any investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

CC - Detroit

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

9/12/38

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Sir
I am a victim of the
Black Legion.

a conspiracy against me
by a gang of labor leaders
of the Street Car Union of
Chicago.

William Labor & Lorraine Blum
turned a gang of outlaw
Police and gangsters on me
they tried to kill me on my car
out in Cragin on Grand Av.

they turned all the people out the
on me they told them i broke up
homes to cover up there attemp
murder i caught two of them.

I told the Judge it was
only a drunken fight
i was afraid to

Prosecute them

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they turned Dutch Anderson
Earl Chapman

Young Griffio the Price
fighter Black Jack

[Mike the killer he run
a saloon near western ar
and Division st.

Captain Healey of Lake st
station took me out of
my house and put me
in the Intention Hospital
i was in there two days
the first night two men
come on duty at twelve
oclock they choked a man
with a wet towel the
next night they put
me in a nother room
the same two men
were going to kill me
i sat up in bed all
night the night nurse
come in about four.

(3)

oclock i herd her say is
he ready they told her to
shut up. and keep quite
that i was awake and
siting up.

The next day my wife
and brother come and
got me out the head
man of the place wasent
going to let me out.
my wife started crying
the man said wat are
you crying for you put
him int here didnt you
My wife told him no
I didnt the man said
wat is this get him out
of here and let me out
they turned all my people
against me and told them
i was crazy they put
gamsters after my wife
and got her away from me

and broke my home up.
i was living at North Ave
near the North W Car Barns
where i worked.

Now i got in this afful thing
I was taking some cartoons
down to Mr Mooney the editor
of the Chicago Examiner
a motorman by the name
of Dinnie Long asked me
if he could go with me i
told him yes when we got
down there he wanted to
rite a policemen up in
the paper. mr Moonie told
him to get out i said
you might get me in this
the next night they tried
to kill me for my car
put in Cragers
i left Chicago and went to
Payne Ohio to people by the
name of Haley that i

lived with till i was
sixteen years old on a farm
they followed me fount there
[and turned every one
against me and told them
i was crazy i left there
and went to wood Burn
Indiana i worked for
Amos Schlauther on a farm
they turned every one against
me there and told them
i was crazy i left there
and went to Fort Wayne
I got a job in the
General Electric in the carpenter
Shop i worked there four
years + got a job cartooning
on a Labor paper called
the worker Mr Percie Bell
the Editor they turned the
Machine Gun Kelly gang
on me i cleared out i
got a job on a farm.

near Angola Indiana
with Mr. Zimmerman i
worked all summer for him
Then i went to Jackson mich
I got a room with to old
People by the name of
Burgess neather one was
able to work they where living
on the city

I started to Sign Paint
i took them off the
city and was taking care
of them

One day Van Dusen a
Detective on the Jackson
Police force a Chicag
Policeman and a nother
man cam out to the
house and told Mr and
Mrs. Burgess they where
going to put me in
the crazy house
When i got home from